

**LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Mayor Carole Dillon-Knutson, City of Novato
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda, ABAG Immediate Past President
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Supervisor Pete McHugh, County of Santa Clara
Councilmember Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek
Councilmember Dave Cortese, City of San Jose

Staff Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

1. Introductions: Vice Chair Supervisor Pete McHugh opened the meeting at 3:45.

2. Minutes: November 16, 2006, minutes were reviewed and approved by those attending.

3. Election of 2007 L&GO Chair and Vice Chair

As a result of Committee election, Supervisor Pete McHugh, Santa Clara County, chosen L&GO CHAIR for 2007 and **Mayor Carole Dillon-Knutson, City of Novato** was elected Vice Chair.

4. Review of New Legislation

The Committee reviewed the following new bills introduced in the 2007 Legislative Session:

The committee voted Support of:

AB 29 Hancock: Infill development—Incentive Grants
AB 38 Nava: State Agencies—Office of Homeland Security
SB 8 Kuehl: California Bay-Delta Authority Act—Follow-up on defining of scope of Environmental Justice

The Committee voted to oppose:

AB 70 Jones: Flood Liability
ACA 2 Waters: Eminent Domain—Follow-up on language addressing provisions regarding residences, commercial property and redevelopment concerns
SCA 1 McClintock: Eminent Domain—Condemnation Proceedings

The following bills will be **Watched** by the Committee, who have directed staff to secure further clarification of bill provisions and closely monitor any changes to placeholder bills that only contain “intent language:”

AB 82 Evans: Local Planning—Agricultural Land—Support in concept: at this time bill is only one sentence—intent language.
SB 2 Cedillo: Local Planning

SB 5 Machado: Flood Management—Need more definitive information/definition of role of local government in the state integrated flood management plan

SB 6 Oropeza: Flood Control

SB 12 Lowenthal: Planning and Zoning—Housing Element: Southern California Association of Governments

SB 27 Simitian Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, and Environmental Improvement Bond Act of 2007—

SCA 2 Simitian: Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, and Environmental Improvement

Action: The committee requested that staff provide detailed briefings on flood management and flood control bills and full scope of proposed new bond at the next meeting.

Under Open Agenda:

- The Committee approved adding for consideration the bill by Senator Midgen, SB 49, on Local Government Financial Assistance: Sports Franchises. After discussion, the Committee voted to oppose the bill citing it was inappropriate for the state to dictate local land use and funding decisions. Letters to the Senator and to City/County of San Francisco will be sent discussing concerns and reasons for opposition.

(Note: When presented to the Executive Board for approval, Executive Board voted to take “no position” and remain neutral on bill.)

- The Committee also had an opportunity to review resolution language being presented to the Executive Board addressing funding incentives tied to supporting jurisdictions addressing increased regional housing need numbers.

4. Briefing on Shifting State/Local Waste Diversion Responsibility to Those Who Produce Hazardous Waste Products

Ceil Scandone, ABAG Staff and representing the Hazardous Waste Committee, briefed the committee on the high costs that local government are sustaining to manage the disposal of hazardous materials like batteries and fluorescent lights. According to new state laws, local governments must find ways to handle this waste diversion since it is now against state law for residents to put these items into trash. There is potential for new legislation to shift handling this disposal to the producers/manufacturers and to those who sell the items. The Committee will receive more briefings in coming months to help them take action when needed.

5. Legislative Reception:

Final arrangements for the upcoming Legislative Reception for our Bay Area State Senators and Assemblymembers, sponsored by ABAG with the League of California Cities and CSAC on January 31st in Sacramento, were discussed. Senators Perata and Torklakson agreed to serve as co-hosts with Assemblymembers Mark DeSaulnier and Fiona Ma. The Legislative Reception will be held at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. with flash drives outlining the ABAG Legislative Priorities and Action Items.

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. *The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2007.*